

KANSAS DENTAL BOARD

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Board meetings: May 2 (Rm 106)- July 25 (Rm 108) at 9:00 am. November 7, 2008 at UMKC Dental School



Statistics 4/1/08

Total Dentists	2036	Level I Sedation Permits	24
Active	1814	Level II Sedation Permits	54
Practicing in KS	1417		
Total Hygienists	2089	Extended Care I Permits	31
Active	1925	Extended Care II Permits	54
Practicing in KS	1490		

NEW STAFF PERSON AT THE BOARD OFFICE

Our previous administrative assistant, Rebakah (Bekah) Gonzales found another job. We relied on her heavily since she had been with the board for four years. We miss her pleasant voice and vast knowledge of the "ins and outs" of the office. We have recently hired Vanda (*pronounced like Wanda with a V*) Collins to take over the position of senior administrative assistant. Vanda came to us from the Nursing Board, where she endorsed nurses into the state. She has already made herself invaluable by showing us some new ways to use our database. Welcome Vanda, we are very lucky to have you.

HYGIENE RENEWALS

This renewal period we had 48 hygienists who allowed their licenses to be cancelled. Seventeen were active licensees in Kansas. All of the hygienists who were audited provided evidence of their CE!! Congratulations!

BOARD OFFICERS ELECTED

At the Feb. 1, 2008 Dental Board meeting, elections were held and all of the current officers were reelected. They will continue to hold the same offices for this year.

PERIODONTAL RECORD

The office has gotten several calls from concerned dentists regarding a board action recently that involved recordkeeping. There are minimum requirements set forth in KAR 71-1-15. In addition, dentists should also be aware of the "standard of care" related to recordkeeping. General dentists need to remember that their records should contain an ongoing evaluation and diagnosis of the periodontal health of the patient.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

HB 2702 introduced by the board has passed. HB 2702 -KSA 65-1434 regarding licensure by credentials will increase the CEs required to twenty-four months (from the current twelve months). Applicants who are seeking a Kansas license by credentials will have the same requirement for continuing education as Kansas licensed dentists and hygienists. KSA 65-1423 is revised to allow out of state licensed dental hygienists to do "hands-on teaching" in Kansas.

SB 597 introduced by the KDA may not make it this session. It would create a dentistry bridging loan program. The Dental Board would be the fiscal agent for \$40,000 to be provided as loans to dental students at UMKC who agree to practice in rural areas of Kansas for 3 years. A student could borrow up to \$8,000 per year, up to \$24,000 for 3 years. Four students per year would be offered the loans. They would agree to practice full time in any Kansas counties except the 10 most populous counties (Butler, Douglas, Johnson, Leavenworth, Reno, Riley, Saline, Sedgwick, Shawnee or Wyandotte). The bill has been sent to Appropriations at this time.

HB2781 introduced by the KDA passed. The bill carves out an exception to the majority presence rule for dentists who live in counties of under 10,000 population according to the 2000 census. A dentist shall be permitted to own 2 dental offices in addition to the primary office, if the secondary office is located within a 125 mile radius of the primary office. These dentists will not be subject to KSA 65-1435 (d) being "personally present in the office...during a majority of the time the office or each of the offices is being operated."

The above changes in the statutes will go into effect July 1, 2008. These will be updated on the website.

DR. HENSON'S SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Dr. Robert Henson, DDS, of Salina, was appointed to the board from the 1st Congressional District on Sept. 2, 1998 until April 30, 2000. He was reappointed May 11, 2000 to serve until April 30, 2004. On July 15, 2004 he was appointed to serve until April 30, 2008. He served as president of the board from January 2005 to January 2006. He was the Investigative member from 2006 – 2007. He has provided leadership to the board as president; he has shared his wisdom in drafting new sedation regulations; and finally thoughtfulness in making very difficult decisions as Investigative Member. In addition to his board duties, he has served the profession as a CRDTS examiner. He has generously given a considerable amount of his time to board matters. The board appreciates his years of dedication. We will miss his good cheer and wise counsel. Thank you, Dr. Henson!

BOARD ACTIONS

Board Orders are posted on the website, select "board actions" under the "What's New" heading. Below are the latest summaries:

Julie Kohler, RDH -The Stipulation Order is based upon a Missouri Board action in 2003 when her Missouri license was placed on probation for one year. She was to retake the Missouri Jurisprudence exam, a condition was imposed for failing to provide evidence of CE hours listed on her 2003 renewal.

Robert Colt, DDS – He was an applicant from Colorado who had a reprimand from that state. After a hearing the board granted a probationary license with conditions. He will provide documentation of CE and be subject to a record review regarding treatment planning.

Michael Gorsky, DDS - He was an applicant who failed to reveal on his application that he had a malpractice settlement. By stipulation and agreed order he will perform 100 hours of community service for failure to correctly fill out the application. The order was completed 4/9/08.

Raymond Matthew, DDS, Wichita -Emergency Order of Suspension was issued 3/11/08. His continuation in the practice of dentistry is a danger to the public.

BOARD INTERPRETATIONS

Board meeting Feb 1, 2008

UMKC does not have a refresher course to offer dentists who have been out of practice. If a dentist with a cancelled license wishes to return to practice after a period of 5 years or more, the applicant must pass a regional clinical examination and retake the jurisprudence exam as a requirement for relicensure.

IMPORTANCE OF CAREFUL REVIEW OF YOUR APPLICATIONS

Avoid a disciplinary hearing. The board recently held a hearing on an application in which information was left out of the application. The hearing was to determine if a new applicant should be granted a license when the applicant had failed to reveal a malpractice settlement that occurred several years ago. Remember when you fill out your renewal applications – you must read each question thoroughly. You are required to disclose any adverse judgments, settlements, court cases or convictions. Failure to disclose this information is considered fraud on your application. Once the board is notified of these circumstances, they are investigated and dealt with at the time. If you fail to disclose them, they are also investigated, and a fraud allegation is also brought forward to the board.

HOW TO CHECK ON DENTAL STAFF

I received a phone call from a person who said she was aware that a sex offender was working as a dental assistant in a dental office. I told her that we do not check on the backgrounds of dental assistants. If you have a concern about a staff member, or wish to check on a person you are hiring, the following websites can be searched by name. The first site is a national sexual offender data bank, and the second site is the Kansas Bureau of Investigation registry of sex offenders. Go to: <http://www.nsopr.gov/> or <http://www.accesskansas.org/kbi/ro.shtml>

JURISPRUDENCE EXAM QUESTION

Whenever coronal scaling is performed as a part of a prophylaxis by a nonlicensed person who has a certificate demonstrating successful completion of an approved course of instruction, all subgingival scaling shall be performed by a dentist or dental hygienist licensed in Kansas. Exam Answer: True - see KSA 65-1423

PROPOSED REGULATIONS FOR DENTAL AND HYGIENE EXTERNS

The board is proposing regulations regarding dental and hygiene extern programs. They may be reviewed on the website. The public hearing is July 25, 2008 at LSOB, Room 108, 9:00 am. The regulations were drafted in order to address the issue of dental/hygiene students providing dental/dental hygiene services on the public outside of the "school walls." The regulations are designed so that students doing internships for school credit are supervised by the school and have adequate training prior to practice on the public in clinics or other settings. You can read the proposed regulations if you click on our website. They can be found on our opening home page.

UPCOMING RENEWALS

All dentists renew this year. We will mail your renewals in October. You will be able to renew online at that time. Even license numbered dentists will renew with no change. See schedule below:

Dentists with **even** license numbers renew two years until 2010 Fee \$300 - need 60 hrs of CE = 12/1/06 to 12/1/08
Dentists with **odd** license numbers renew one year until 2009 Fee \$150 - need 60 hours of CE = 12/1/06 to 12/1/08
RDH's with **even** license numbers renew two years until 2010 Fee \$150 - need 15 hours of CE = 12/1/07 to 12/1/08

REMINDER TO SEDATION PERMIT HOLDERS

We recently resolved a case informally in which a dentist was allowing assistants who were paramedics and EMTs to administer the patients' anesthesia. As a sedation permit holder, you may not delegate that duty. You may delegate the administration of anesthesia to a CRNA, anesthesiologist or another sedation permit holder.

Is a dentist or hygienist drinking at work? If you are aware of a dentist or hygienist using alcohol at work, or any mind altering drug, you can informally report this to the HAPN program. Call 913-236-7575. The board would not be notified unless they failed to cooperate. You can also report it to the board office by mailing a complaint in writing or by email. We will investigate the complaint. The licensee would be contacted and may be requested to go for an evaluation. If there is an addiction problem, they could enter HAPN for monitoring. A discipline is not always required.

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